CLAIMS

1.   A method for message management within a communication device comprising the steps of:

storing one or more contacts within a contacts memory;

5   storing one or more received messages within a message memory, wherein each of the stored messages includes a message source;

comparing the message source of at least one message to the one or more stored contacts; and

retaining storage of the at least one message when the message source of the at

10   least one message is one of the stored contacts.

2.   A method for message management within a communication device as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the stored messages further includes a message receipt time, the method further comprising the steps of:

15   setting a timer;

comparing the difference between a current time and the message receipt time of the at least one message to the timer when the message source is not one of the stored contacts; and

deleting the at least one message when the difference is at least the same as the

20   timer.

3.   A method for message management as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the stored messages further includes a message receipt time, and wherein each of the one or more contacts has a contact folder, the method further comprising the steps of:

setting a timer;

comparing the difference between a current time and the message receipt time of the at least one message to the timer when the message source is one of the stored contacts;

identifying the contact of the one or more contacts matching the message source of the at least one message when the difference is at least the same as the timer; and

storing the at least one message within the contact folder of the matching contact.

4.   A method for message management as recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

reaching a memory storage limit; and

retaining storage of the at least one message when the message source of the at least one message is one of the stored contacts; and

deleting the at least one message when the message source of the at least one message is not one of the stored contacts.

5.   A method for message management as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the one or more contacts has a contact folder, the method further comprising the steps of:

identifying the contact of the one or more contacts matching the message

5   source of the at least one message; and

storing the at least one message within the contact folder of the matching contact.

6.   A communication device with message management comprising:

     a memory comprising:

          a message memory for storing one or more messages, wherein each of the stored messages includes a message source and a message receipt time, and

5   a contacts memory for storing one or more contacts; and

     a message manager application coupled to the memory, wherein the message manager application is adapted to:

          compare the message source of at least one message to the one or more stored contacts; and

10   retain storage of the at least one message when the message source of the at least one message is one of the stored contacts.

7.   A communication device as recited in claim 6, wherein the memory further comprises a timer memory for storing at least one timer, wherein each of the stored

15 messages further includes a message receipt time, and wherein the message manager application is further adapted to:

     compare the difference between a current time and the message receipt time of the at least one message to the at least one timer when the message source is not one of the stored contacts; and

20   delete the at least one message when the difference is at least the same as the at least one timer.

8.   A communication device as recited in claim 6 wherein the message memory further has a memory storage limit, and wherein the message manager application is further adapted to:

delete the at least one message when the message source of the at least one message is not one of the stored contacts when the message memory reaches the memory storage limit; and

retain storage of the at least one message when the message source of the at least one message is one of the stored contacts.

9.   A communication device as recited in claim 6, wherein the memory further comprises a contact folder associated with each of the one or more contacts, and wherein the message manager application is further adapted to:

identify the contact of the one or more contacts matching the message source of the at least one message; and

store the at least one message within the contact folder associated with the matching contact.